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HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

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JANUARY 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members,

Happy New Year, 2020 to you all!

Our Club kicked off the new decade with two January events celebrating our faith and our culture. On January 17th we joined the Hellenic Medical Society, American Hellenic Lawyers Association, Greek American Chamber of Commerce, and Greek American Heritage Society of Philadelphia, in cooperation with the Federation of Hellenic American Society of Greater Philadelphia for the annual Vasilopita Celebration at Estia Restaurant in Philadelphia. Thank you, **Dr. Leo Iliadis**, for organizing this festive event! We enjoyed a lovely dinner and fellowship with old and new friends, and we were pleased to present a generous donation to the Hellenic Relief Foundation.

On Sunday, January 26th, we celebrated the Day of Greek Letters with our annual Artoklasia service for the health and well-being of our members. This year's service was held at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Upper Darby, PA. Thank you, **Peter A. Chrysanthopoulos**, for once again organizing this important event.

It's time to make your reservations and get your tables together for our upcoming Winter Honors Dinner on Sunday, February 23rd. Invitations have been mailed to all HUC members. This annual benefit for our Scholarship Fund will be held at the historic Arts Ballroom, 1324 Locust Street, in Center City. (My parents celebrated their wedding reception there decades ago when it was known as The Sylvania!)

The highlight of our evening at the Arts Ballroom will be the presentation of our *ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ* Award to The Honorable **Stephanos Bibas**, Judge for the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit -- who is also a member of our Club! Vice President and Awards Chair **Billie Rorres** and her committee have planned an elegant, celebratory evening to honor Judge Bibas. Come enjoy an Open Bar, bountiful hors d'oeuvres, a marvelous three-course dinner, and free parking nearby!

The Honors Dinner is our main Scholarship fundraising event this year, so we hope you'll attend, and also add your name to our Donors Roster, or place an ad in our Dinner Program, or become an Event Sponsor. You know how proud we are to grow our Scholarship Program; it's the largest among all Greek-American organizations in the Philadelphia region!

You'll find more information inside this newsletter about our esteemed honoree, Judge Bibas, and the landmark, storied hotel where the Honors Dinner will take place.

Applications for HUC scholarships for the 2020-21 academic year are now available on our website, www.hucphiladelphia.org. This year, we're offering 17 undergraduate and graduate scholarships totaling more than \$57,000. If you know an eligible student, please let him or her know about our scholarship opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you at our Winter Honors Dinner on February 23rd!

Kind regards,

Zoe Tripolitis
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

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(see flyer for details)

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THE HONORABLE STEPHANOS BIBAS
Judge, United States Court of Appeals
for the Third District, Philadelphia
(see insert for details)

ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ (*PAIDEIA*) is the ancient Greek word for learning or education. The lifelong pursuit of *ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ* was set by our Founders as the Club's main objective; eighty-four years later this ideal continues to inspire us.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome our newest members, **Demetra and Daniel Pithis** . Καλώς ήρθατε!

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to members **Paul and Christina Egonopoulos** on the birth of their daughter Alexandra who was born on December 20, 2019. Να σας ζήσει!

Congratulations to members **John and Renee Vasiliou** on the birth of their daughter Flora Anna who was born on January 21, 2020. Να σας ζήσει!

We wish them all much happiness!

2020-2021 HUC SCHOLARSHIPS

We are pleased to announce the 2020-2021 Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia Scholarships. This academic year we will offer 17 Scholarships (8 Undergraduate, 6 Graduate and 3 Undergraduate/Graduate) totaling \$57,500 to worthy students in the greater Philadelphia area of Greek descent and to students who are declared majors in Greek Studies, regardless of their heritage.

Please encourage eligible students to apply for one of the scholarships described in the enclosed announcement.

Applications and all supporting documents must be received no later than Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

IN MEMORIAM

LOUIS J. VASTARDIS

Honorary Member **Louis J. Vastardis** passed away peacefully on January 12, 2020, at the age of 97. In 2003 Mr. Vastardis established the Goldie S. Vastardis Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship to honor his late wife. Since then this endowed scholarship has helped 16 students further their education.

We extend our deepest condolences to his sons John (Mary) and Nicholas (Theresa) and his daughter Celeste (Axel) and their families. His granddaughter **Alexis Vastardis** is a Club member.

His funeral took place January 20th at St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church. May his memory be eternal.

THETIS G. CRITS

Emeritus Member **Thetis G. Crits** passed away on January 14, 2020. She and her late husband George joined the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia in 1952. Thetis served the Club as Vice President and Recording Secretary. She and George attended and supported many events over the years and in 2005 were among the Emeritus Members honored at the Annual Dinner Dance for their more than 50 years of membership.

To her daughter and son-in-law, members **Katherine and Paul Crits-Christoph** and their three children, and to her son Adam we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

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WINTER HONORS DINNER

THE 2020 WINTER HONORS DINNER IS COMING UP ON FEB. 23rd. JOIN US!

Recognizing and honoring individuals of high achievement as they relate to ancient and modern Hellenic ideals...is one of our Club's primary missions, and it is to this purpose that we will present our *PAIDEIA* Award to **The Honorable Stephanos Bibas**, Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit on Sunday, February 23rd at our 2020 Winter Honors Dinner – from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Arts Ballroom, 1324 Locust Street, Philadelphia.

We're proud to be honoring Judge Bibas, a distinguished scholar of law and criminology and previously a professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. (See sidebar article). Judge Bibas is also a member of our Club.

Invitations to this wonderful celebratory event were mailed last week. Here is more information we hope will compel to attend: an Open Bar serving Greek wines and mixed drinks all evening... Bountiful Appetizers to enjoy during the Cocktail Hour (lamb gyro, spanakopita, grilled octopus and more at the Mediterranean Station... Italian grilled vegetables, cheeses, pasta salads and seasonal fruits at the Toscano Table ... and blue-point oysters, littleneck clams, and jumbo shrimp at the Raw Bar).

For the main course, choose Roast Prime Rib... Athenian Chicken Breast... or a delicious Vegetarian creation, followed by a very special dessert, Lemon Cake with fresh mixed berries.

FREE PARKING is another reason to drive downtown. The HUC Board voted to pay the TOTAL parking fee for Honors Dinner attendees at E-Z PARK, 1309 Locust Street (the open/flat lot diagonally across the street from The Arts Ballroom – NOT the enclosed parking garage directly across the street from The Arts Ballroom.)

Since the Honors Dinner is just 3 weeks away, we hope you will register sooner than later.

We think the early dinnertime – set for 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. – will encourage out-of-town colleagues and friends, especially from New York City (Judge Bibas' hometown), to join us.

Finally, we want to remind you that the 2020 Winter Honors Dinner is the main and only fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund this year. We encourage our members and other Greek-American professionals to send congratulatory messages to Judge Bibas via our printed Program Booklet. All proceeds from the book plus all direct donations are tax deductible. The deadline for placing an ad or message in the Program book is Wednesday, February 5th.

Ad sizes (full, half, and quarter-page) and prices are listed in a flyer marked Honors Program Advertising Agreement that you received by postal mail last week.



Stephanos Bibas is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Previously he was a professor of law and criminology at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Judge Bibas graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Columbia University with a B.A. degree in political theory. He received a second B.A. degree in jurisprudence from Oxford University in England. And from Yale University Law School, he earned his Doctor of Law (J.D.) degree.

After graduating from Yale Law, Judge Bibas clerked for Judge Patrick Higginbotham of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and for Anthony Kennedy on the Supreme Court of the United States. He was also a litigation associate of Covington & Burling LLP in Washington DC.

Thereafter Judge Bibas served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he successfully prosecuted the world's leading expert on Tiffany stained glass for hiring a grave robber to steal priceless Tiffany windows from cemeteries.

Before his tenure at Penn Law, Judge Bibas taught at the University of Chicago Law School and the University of Iowa College of Law and was a research fellow at Yale Law School. He has published two books and more than sixty scholarly articles.

You might like to know...

The Arts Ballroom – where our upcoming 2020 Winter Honors Dinner will be held – is the former Sylvania Hotel. The Sylvania is located at Locust & Juniper Streets near Broad; the Academy of Music is just a half-block away.

The Sylvania Hotel was built in 1923, the second-largest high-rise luxury hotel in Philadelphia at that time. (The Benjamin Franklin Hotel, also built in 1923, was the largest.)

During Prohibition (1920-33) when the manufacture and sale of alcohol was prohibited, the Sylvania Hotel became a popular destination for members of Philadelphia's organized crime families; bootleggers were rumored to have sold moonshine from a second-floor hotel room.

Today more than 300 modern apartments comprise the Arts Condominium. But on the ground floor, the Ballroom (with its crystal chandeliers and art deco opulence) and the Sylvania Room (with its blue-mirrored walls and backlit marble bar) continue to celebrate the elegance of a bygone era.

We look forward to seeing you there on Sunday, February 23rd !



VASILOPITA CELEBRATION

Friday, January 17, 2020 · Estia Restaurant



SAVE THE DATE

Greek Independence Day Parade – Sunday March 29th.

STAY CONNECTED

The HUC Website has been revamped with more photos and up to date information about our events. Visit our new Donate, Membership, Events, and Scholarship pages for all the latest about the HUC. And look out for our revamped Blog page, which will soon be featuring Member Spotlights!

 Facebook: www.facebook.com/hucphiladelphia

 Instagram: @HUC_Philly

 Twitter: @HUCPhilly

If you have photos from any of our events that you think might be good for social media, message them to any of our social media accounts!



HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

ANNOUNCES 2020-2021 UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF GREEK DESCENT OR DECLARED MAJORS IN GREEK STUDIES

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a degree program at an accredited four-year college or university, or they must be high school seniors accepted for enrollment in such a degree program and have outstanding academic qualifications. Please note that some scholarships have special eligibility requirements.

(a) Scholarships that require demonstrated financial need:

- **Dr. Michael Dorizas Memorial Scholarship**, honoring the late Dr. Michael Dorizas, a widely respected educator, lecturer and athlete. **\$5,000.**
- **Founders Scholarship**, honoring the founders of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. **\$5,000.**
- **Dimitri J. Ververelli Memorial Scholarship for Architecture and/or Engineering**, offered to a qualified student pursuing a degree in the field of Architecture or Engineering. This scholarship was established by Mrs. Anastasia Ververelli to honor her husband, Dimitri J. Ververelli, a past president of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. **\$2,000.**
- **George C. Liacouras Memorial Scholarship**, offered to a qualified student pursuing an undergraduate degree at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Established by Mrs. Effie Liacouras, this scholarship honors her husband, George C. Liacouras. **\$5,000.**
- **Theresa A. Chletcos Memorial Scholarship**, offered to a qualified student pursuing an undergraduate degree in the field of education. Established in 2013, this award honors past president and founding member, Theresa A. Chletcos. This scholarship was funded through a bequest of Theresa A. Chletcos and her friends and family. **\$2,000.**
- **Goldie S. Vastardis Memorial Scholarship**, funded by a grant from Mr. Louis Vastardis in memory of his wife. This merit scholarship is awarded to a student whose parents are stewards in good standing of St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church, Broomall, Pennsylvania. **\$2,000.**

(b) Scholarships that do not require any financial information:

- **Paideia Scholarship**, a merit scholarship awarded to the child of a Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia member. Parent(s) must be current members in good standing for at least 3 years. **\$5,000.**
- **Cyprus Society Scholarship**, offered by the Cyprus Society of Greater Philadelphia to a student whose family are members in good standing of the Cyprus Society for the past 3 years. **\$2,500.**

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Applicants may be graduate students enrolled full time in or senior undergraduates accepted to a graduate program at an accredited university or professional school. Applicants must intend to enroll full time in Fall 2020. Postdocs (post PhD) are not eligible. Please note that some scholarships have special eligibility requirements.

(a) The following scholarship does not require any financial information:

- **Dr. Nicholas Padis Memorial Graduate Scholarship**. Academic excellence is the primary consideration for this scholarship. Established in 1986, this annual award honors Philadelphia physician, first president and founding member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia, Dr. Nicholas Padis. **\$5,000.**

(b) Scholarships that require demonstrated financial need:

- **John S. Manos, Esq., Memorial Graduate Scholarship** offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Juris Doctor (JD) Degree. Established in 2009, this annual award honors John Stanley Manos, Esq., Philadelphia lawyer and long-time member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. This scholarship is funded by the family and friends of John S. Manos. **\$2,000**

- **Dr. Peter A. Theodos Memorial Graduate Scholarship** offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Doctor of Medicine (MD) Degree. Established in 1988, this annual award honors Philadelphia physician, past president and founding member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia, Dr. Peter A. Theodos. This scholarship is funded by Mrs. Peter A. Theodos. **\$1,500**
- **Nicholas S. Hetos, DDS, Memorial Graduate Scholarship** offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Doctor of Dental Medicine(DMD) or Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) Degree. Established in 2001, this annual award honors Dr. Nicholas S. Hetos, Philadelphia dentist, past president and founding member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. This scholarship is funded by the late Maria G. Hetos, EdD. **\$2,000.**
- **Maria Galanos Hetos Memorial Graduate Scholarship** offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Graduate Degree in the field of education or education related studies. The recipient must matriculate in a graduate program of a nationally accredited university or college that has been conferring degrees since 1936, the year the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia was founded. Last line: Established in 2011, this annual award is funded by the late Maria G. Hetos, EdD, past president and wife of past president and founding member, Nicholas S. Hetos, DDS. **\$2,000.**
- **Kathleen and Nicholas Fisfis Graduate Scholarship** offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Graduate or Post Graduate Degree in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics or Medicine. Established in 2016, this annual award is funded by Kathleen and Nicholas Fisfis. **\$7,500.**

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENTS

These scholarships are offered to either undergraduate or graduate students. Qualifications are as stated above for each category of students.

- **Chios Liberation Memorial Scholarship**, offered by the Chios Society of Philadelphia to qualified students of Chian descent in memory of all those who gave their lives for the liberation of Chios. **\$2,000.** *No financial information needed.*
- **Chios Society of Philadelphia “Koraes” Scholarship**, offered to qualified students of Chian descent in memory and honor of past and present leaders of the Chios Society of Philadelphia. **\$2,000.** *No financial information needed.*
- **Nicholas L. Gianopulos and Antoinette Manos Gianopulos Scholarship** offered to a qualified student pursuing a degree in the fields of civil engineering, architecture, or fine arts. Established in 2019, this annual award honors Nicholas L. Gianopulos and his wife Antoinette Manos Gianopulos. This annual award is funded by Antoinette Gianopulos, friends and family in memory of Nicholas Gianopulos. **\$5,000.** *Preference will be given to candidates who have financial need.*

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Undergraduate Scholarships:

- Determine eligibility status by visiting <http://hucphiladelphia.org/undergraduate-application/>
- Access and complete the Undergraduate Application on the same site
- Submit the following documents to hucscholarships@gmail.com. See application for more specific instructions.
 - o Academic transcripts and standardized test scores
 - o One letter of recommendation
 - o Essay (Chios Society scholarships require an additional essay)
 - o Page 1 of FAFSA Student Aid Report (for scholarships with financial need requirements)

Graduate Scholarships:

- Determine eligibility status by visiting <http://hucphiladelphia.org/graduate-application/>
- Access and complete the Graduate Application on the same site
- Submit the following documents to hucscholarships@gmail.com. See application for more specific instructions.
 - o All academic transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (undergraduate and graduate)
 - o Resume
 - o Two letters of recommendation
 - o Essay
 - o Page 1 of FAFSA Student Aid Report (for scholarships with financial need requirements)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants (Graduate and Undergraduate) must be of Greek descent, U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents of Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery or Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania; Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester or Salem Counties in New Jersey; New Castle County in Delaware. Students who are declared majors in Greek Studies may also apply, regardless of their heritage.

Applications for these scholarships are available through our website www.hucphiladelphia.org.

APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

PLEASE JOIN THE



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FOR THEIR

BOWLING SOCIAL EVENT



THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND SOCIALIZE WITH INDIVIDUALS OF HELLENIC AND NON-HELLENIC DESCENT FROM THE PHILADELPHIA AREA OVER A FRIENDLY GAME OF BOWLING.

February 4TH, 2020

5:30-9PM

North Bowl

909 N 2nd St, Philadelphia

North Bowl will have the following Happy Hour Specials until 7:00 pm:

\$4.95 games (does not include shoe rental)

\$3 Neshaminy draft, Jim Beam black and peach, and Sangria

Half-priced appetizers

RSVP on survey monkey, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMCJKZK>



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SAVE THE DATE

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
Sunday March 29th

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OF PHILADELPHIA
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